



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT/

NEW BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

March 27, 2014

Mr. Ronald Labelle
Commissioner of Public Infrastructure
1105 Shawmut Avenue
New Bedford, MA 02746

Re: 319 Non Point Source Grant Application

Dear Mr. Labelle,

The Conservation Commission would like to urge you to partner with us again on the DEP 319 non point source pollution grant for the Sassaquin Pond watershed. Sassaquin Pond is listed as an impaired water body by the State for excess algal growth, fecal coliform and taste and odor. As you know, the results of the 604b Sassaquin Pond Watershed Restoration Study included recommendations for the installation of industry designed tree box filters to replace catch basins as well as the education of watershed residents. Both of these would be components of the 319 non point source pollution grant. The tree box design and installation which is the majority of the application would come from the Department of Public Infrastructure because this is an infrastructure improvement. The grant also requires a 40% match of which the DPI provided the majority of this last year as well through an "In Kind" match. The Conservation Commission urges the DPI to again partner with us to seek funding for this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-991-6188 to discuss applying for this grant again. The Request for Responses will be released on April 1, 2104 with the completed application due at the end of May.

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Porter
Conservation Agent

Cc: Mayor Jon Mitchell, Councilor Oliveira, Conservation Commissioners.